

AMAZING GRACE

Sharing Grace

2 Corinthians 1:12 We can say with confidence and a clear conscience that we have been honest and sincere in all our dealings. We have depended on God's grace, not on our own earthly wisdom. That is how we have acted toward everyone, and especially toward you.

Forgiveness Is A Requirement

Matthew 18:32 Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me.
33 Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?'
34 Then the angry king sent the man to prison until he had paid every penny.
35 "That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters in your heart."

Colossians 3:13 You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Forgiveness Allows God To Remove My Sin

Matthew 6:12 and forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.

14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.

15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Mark 11:24 Listen to me! You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you will have it.

25 But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."

Forgiveness Allows Me To Respond Like Christ

Luke 6:27 "But if you are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you.

28 Pray for the happiness of those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people, because they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

Forgiveness Takes Away My Right To Retaliate

Romans 12:17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.

19 Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God. For it is written, "I will take vengeance; I will repay those who deserve it," says the Lord.

Psalms 119:137 O LORD, you are righteous, and your decisions are fair.
138 Your decrees are perfect; they are entirely worthy of our trust.

Forgiveness Will Need To be Repeated

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?"

22 "No!" Jesus replied, "seventy times seven!"

Luke 17:3 I am warning you! If another believer sins, rebuke him; then if he repents, forgive him.

4 Even if he wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, forgive him."

Forgiveness Will Not Automatically Restore The Relationship

Romans 12:18 Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as possible.

Forgiveness Allows God To Redeem My Past

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Forgiveness Helps Me Not To Become Bitter And Resentful

Ephesians 4:30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he is the one who has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior.

32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.